

EDITORIALS

Time for Caution

This issue of The Herald offers "Back-to-School" features and advertising. While school for most Torrance children still won't be in regular sessions for a couple of weeks, this Labor Day holiday sings the swan song of summer and reminds parents that normally soon will return to their hectic households.

While it is time to prepare the youngsters for school in material ways, it is also not too soon to prepare them for the dangers of crossing streets and the necessity of exercising care in riding of bicycles. The recent tragic death of three young boys on a bicycle points up the danger of permitting children to ride their bicycles on highways or the more congested city streets. Likewise a note of warning to automobile drivers is in order now. All drivers must be made to realize that they will have additional responsibilities in looking out for healthy young boys and girls who sometimes thoughtlessly let their active legs carry them into dangerous places.

Labor Day in 1954

Today the Nation observes Labor Day, an occasion when Americans are supposed to pause for a day and pay tribute to the men and women whose skilled hands and sturdy backs have played their part in making America great.

But, like most of our other important holidays, Labor Day has degenerated into another one-day extension of a big week-end. The original meaning of the holiday is lost in seeking after fun and relaxation and in their quest for fun many of these working men and women will lose their lives in violent accidents.

Older residents will recall Labor Days of other years when workmen dropped their tools and the mills were silenced while parades formed and speakers extolled the virtues of labor from flag-draped platforms in every city and hamlet in the country. Those were the good old days, or were they?

Forty years ago most of the men who marched in those processions were hardened by six-day stints in mills that knew only a few of the safety features considered essential today. They worked long hours and for many Labor Day had real significance because it meant the one day off in weeks and sometimes months. Pension or insurance plans were an exception and the average worker could look forward to retirement only by practicing frugality.

Samuel Gompers, one of the all-time greats in fighting the cause of labor, laid the groundwork for many of the benefits enjoyed by workers today. Aided by enlightened industrialists, most of whom had come up from the mills and forges, he succeeded in securing some of the original and most far-reaching legislation leading to the protection of union and non-union workers.

The extension of the labor movement in the United States imposes ever increasing responsibilities on labor leaders. They have within their power a force that can work for the detriment or for the everlasting benefit of America. If they place the best interests of the nation as a whole foremost in all their dealings, they will help America grow stronger and stronger in a world unfriendly to the kind of independence and freedom enjoyed only by the American workman.

The most hopeful plea that can be given to labor and industry today is that they will find a common ground for realization that only by co-operation between labor and management can the gains made thus far be consolidated and advanced.

This, we think, is the message for Labor Day in 1954.

Railroads Make Bid

Although most railroads do not make their money hauling passengers, some of them do, and it is interesting to note how much competition airlines have been giving these roads recently. As a result, all sorts of family rate combinations and reductions are being offered by railroads today.

One can readily see why such rates are necessary, if the roads are to continue to compete with airline travel. Since several airlines already offer eight-hour flights between New York and Los Angeles, at a price near \$100, the railroads have found themselves at a disadvantage.

The same trip by train consumes several days and the cost is very much higher. The man carrying his family to the West Coast, or from the West Coast to the East Coast, will find savings in air travel surprisingly high when he compares the old standard railroad rate with those of the airlines today. As a result, several railroads have instituted what they call a family fare plan.

This plan allows a wife, when traveling with her husband, to get a round-trip fare for the cost of a one-way fare, and also allows children under twelve years, a round-trip fare for the price of only a one-way ticket. In addition, children under five years of age are allowed to accompany their parents at no extra charge.

Thus the air age is bringing the cost of railroad transportation down—something which should have happened long ago, though the lack of real competition has prevented it.

Golden Gleams

If I could write the beauty of your eyes. And in fresh numbers number all your graces. The age to come would say, "This poet lies; Such heavenly touches ne'er touched earthly faces." —Shakespeare.

Beauty's of a fading nature— Has a season, and is gone. —Burns.

Many a dangerous temptation comes to us in fine gay colors, that are but skin-deep. —Matthews Henry.



It's in the cards

First—make the month in which you were born and find your card out from today's Magic Key. Now, follow that suit through the cards below and spell out your fortune for the next 7 days.

TODAY'S MAGIC KEY

♠ LIFE AND DEATH
♥ LOVE AND AFFECTION
♦ MONEY AND BUSINESS
♣ HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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Q U A G N D N E T S

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS!

The most revolutionary skin cleanser in the history of cosmetics will soon be on the market, which will scientifically clean the skin. This is based on a chemical used in the veteran hospitals to prepare the skin for an operation, and will soon be released for the use of civilians! One of the coming delights for winter 1954-55 will be a penetrating perfume which will please

Labor Day



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES: Frederick Lonsdale: Your famous play "The Last of Mrs. Cheney" will be made into a musical comedy, which will star Gloria Swanson... Hoboken, N. J.: You can expect new federal funds to construct a new system of docks... Eddie Fisher: You will star in a musical version of the old George M. Cohan hit "The Song and Dance Man"...

Dear John Foster Dulles: Your present stand on the Communist question will bring you the support of all the Congressmen and Representatives up for reelection this fall... San Francisco: Your plans for a new civic center will be completed within 90 days... **WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:** The United States of America will soon be invaded by an army of millions—of bedbugs! These bedbugs will be sturdier and more persistent than any we have ever known. They will be difficult to discover because of their deep burrowing habits. The bedbug invasion will come from the South American continent and Cuba, and will cost the American public millions of dollars in a relentless war which will be forced to wage!

Dear Miss X: There is a man for every woman in the world, and somehow from what you have told me, this girl friend of yours has been much too selective.

My dear Mrs. Ervan-22510: You will plan to stay in Torrance for the time being.

My dear Mrs. H.A.R.: There is a special God in Heaven who watches over dogs, and I know that you will hear of yours soon.

My dear Ida P-14602: Keep your property until you get an offer which satisfies you.

My dear Vivian N-3827: You will go to the large free clinic at the General Hospital in Los Angeles, and I know medical science can aid you.

Dear Criswell: Several years ago, my son-in-law drove my husband's car through the driveway, crashed into the house throwing me out of bed, and I've had to walk with a cane since. Now he calls me such names as "gimpy" and "mama one leg." How cruel he has been to me, and I just smile and take it like a joke. Some day I'm going to bash his skull in with my own fist if he keeps it up. Will I ever find relief from this terrible man? N. 11 C.

Dear B.B. W-1348: You need no special training for practical nursing. Contact the nurses in your area and offer your services. This will lead to a new life.

My dear Wanda: Place yourself under his personal care, and I know you will win your way into his heart for you are most charming and attractive. The woman always marries the man, and you will have your wish.

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY—That flair for hospitality attributed to most Southerners popped up in Washington, D.C., last week during the American Legion Convention. Displayed prominently on the YWCA building there was the huge sign: "Welcome Legion."

MORAL VICTORY—Man has won at least one round with the 20th-Century computing machine, popularly called the "magic brain." A scientist has reported that the "brain" is no good at figuring a way to beat the horses. A spot of consolation, however, the report didn't say that the machine proved any worse at the job than the average scratch sheet fan.

SIGN LANGUAGE—Printed on the back of a truck, "I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you." On a sign in a Reno (Nev.) cafe, "T-Bone Steak \$1.00. With meat \$3.00." Reno, according to one recent visitor, is getting real high-toned in places. For instance, he saw one place where they had "Mahogany Broiled Steaks."

FAN MAIL—Like other high ranking public officials, Police Chief William Parker of Los Angeles gets a lot of mail from a lot of people. Some of the messages are real collectors' items, according to Al Gorman, writing in the September issue of The Los Angeles Police Beat, department publication. Have a look at some of these which were reprinted in The Beat:

"Mr. Police Chief: I am writing you in a friendly way about this... I have found out they have murdered seventeen men, several kidnappings, stole the plans on our H Bomb and new Atomic Submarine, and many other charges... I am hoping you can see the light and help me wind the spying case up for your own protection."

"Gentlemen I had a large two-page newspaper picture of the tar pits of Los Angeles. I would not have taken one hundred dollars for it. I kept it in one of my dresser drawers with several other pictures. I found yesterday the unseen beings that have taken up their abode in my house had something to do with it... I would be very thankful if you will do everything possible to recover it for me. I have had it for about 20 years... Chief of Police: A short while ago I criticized your activities as protector of the people. Whether you are or not, I mustn't judge you... so please accept my apology..."

THE MAIL BOX

Likes Barriers

The Torrance Herald: May I state to the other side of the case for the barriers into Palos Verdes. They cost me considerable travel time, but I'm for them and plenty more of their kind.

The streets are very narrow in Palos Verdes and there are no sidewalks. There are always children in the streets.

If you took down the protection the fences give, it would be too bad. I think all residential districts should do away with thru streets as far as possible.

ISABEL M. LEWIS
24417, Los Codona

By JERRY CAHILL

IT'S A FACT

THE PEN IS MIGHTY!
SIR WALTER SCOT—BORN 1771—DIED 1832—LIVED 61 YEARS WITH HIS PEN ALONE!

WHAT HAS THE FIRST WRITTEN CONSTITUTION DRAWN BY A PEOPLE FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT?
ANSWER: NEXT ISSUE

THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS— WAS FOUNDED DURING THE CIVIL WAR!
PROFESSOR T.A.C. LONE, author, has APPOINTED HIS FIRST CHIEF, AIRBORNE LINDSAY J. GIBB, ONCE SENED McCLELLAN'S ARMY FROM DESTRUCTION!

ESKIMOS— SLEEP IN BEAR SKINS TO KEEP THEMSELVES WARM!

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Betrayal Continued
STRANGE OBSESSION: Plainly, our national leaders are enamored of foreign countries. No cost, either in American lives, treasure, or sovereignty, is too high to pay for a smile from Europe or Asia. There may be reasons for this strange obsession, but they are not apparent to the American people. What is sickeningly apparent is that the adoring and costly courtship carried on by our government, at our expense, has been rewarded by a toss of cancan skirts and a hard kick in the teeth.

Some \$50 billions or more of American taxpayers' money has been squandered on the Marshall Plan, the United Nations Organization, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Foreign Operations Administration, the European Defense Community—all to no avail. Europe hates us, Asia hates us, Russia, without spending a man or a ruble, has become the favored suitor. Still, our loveless, infatuated leaders do not know when to quit.

Only recently, with collapse of EDC a certainty, President Eisenhower sternly warned the American people against gloomy talk about Europe, because, he said, he has many great and good friends in Europe and therefore he is not discouraged. What is this, incredible naivete or overweening vanity? Is the President completely unable to separate personal friendships and social contacts from the high office he holds? He says there is still something to be done in Europe and we are going to do it. What, for instance—another Marshall Plan for another kick in the teeth?

SEATO: Nor is Mr. Eisenhower discouraged over the appalling messes and give-away of Indo-China. While admitting that in some respects the "settlement" there was "not satisfactory," he looks upon it as a "new chance" to build a security system in Southeast Asia. What a delightful prospect for American servicemen and taxpayers!

Never mind about the costly failure of ECA, UN, NATO, FEA, and EDC, we still have the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization to look forward to—and to pay for.

Asia doesn't want SEATO. India will have no part of it, nor will Burma, Ceylon, or Indonesia. Egypt's Prime Minister Nasser says it would stir up hate against us and would not protect the little powers from communist aggression. He cites Korea, saying, "Now, after the example of Korea, the Communists know what will happen—pact or no pact."

Nevertheless, despite Asian objection, despite the lack of Asian armed forces, despite the further drain on our own pocketbooks and defense manpower, and despite the example of Korea, we are going ahead with SEATO. The little nations of Thailand, Pakistan, and the Philippines will join us, for whatever that may be worth; but there is every indication that our strongest friends in Asia, Nationalist China and South Korea, will be blackballed by our dearly beloved and enemy-trading "allies," Britain, and France.

NEW WOOING: SEATO will mean American troops in Southeast Asia; and though these American troops may be attacked by communists, there

is no present commitment by the other SEATO members to go to their defense. Their commitment is only to "consult each other" if there is an attack, and to take political and economic steps to woo South-east Asia away from communism. How many times have we heard that one before?

It is the same old idea—to raise somebody's living standards so they will realize how wonderful we are. And you raise living standards only with money—U.S. money. So plan to dig down deep for Uncle Sugar Daddy's next expensive and unwelcome courtship—SEATO.

WORLD CITIZENS: If you think Messrs. Eisenhower and Dulles are not pursuing their foreign courtship with sufficient ardor, don't be discouraged. We still have that free-wheeling, free-spending globe-trotter, Harold Stassen, who heads our Foreign Operations Administration—FOA. Not content to let our "allies" supply our enemies with the good things of life, as well as with the sinews of war, Stassen is even courting Russia and her satellites.

With the concurrence of the State, Treasury, and Defense departments, and with the approval of the President, Stassen last week freed some 80 embargoed items for shipment to Russia and her satellites, items which include ores, oils, metals, minerals, and construction machinery.

Stassen explained this fantastic business of building up the enemy's war potential, while we are feverishly preparing for possible attack by that enemy, by stating that the embargoes were lifted after consultation with our "allies," and that "it is a move in the best interests of the United States."

The same logic, it should be remembered, was applied when we shipped scrap iron to Japan to be returned to us as bullets and shrapnel in the bodies of American soldiers. My World, 'tis of thee, sweet land of perfidy!

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Crossword Puzzle

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Answers on

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ACROSS

1. Obscure
2. Western plant
3. In a boat
11. Real's wife
12. Book
13. Lark poem
14. Blot
15. Extinct
19. Beneath
20. Seaper
21. Legend
23. Sorrow
24. Lip
26. Exclamation of despair
28. Roman household
29. Food
30. Secret agent
31. Period of time
32. Presumptive or presumptive
33. Greek letter

DOWN

6. Sun spot
7. Also
8. Species of albat
9. Card name
10. Ship name
16. Strive
17. Letrains
18. Shelter
21. Metal
22. Renewer
25. Period of time
27. Permeability
28. Observe

VERTICAL

1. Sister's son
2. Caroline island
3. Suffrage
4. The Court
5. Commonly known
6. Is able to

1. At a banquet
2. Rapped
3. Manned
4. Blat
5. Water heating apparatus
6. Small number
7. Trachea
8. Sweet oyster
9. In the past
10. Turkish paper
11. Waterline above
12. Box
13. Look closely
14. Poole
15. Kind of lettuce
16. Trachea
17. Following
18. Trachea
19. Rolling slab
20. Greek god of war
21. Cray
22. Orator
23. Cray
24. Relation
25. Riddle
26. Female sheep
27. Remembrance
28. Riddle
29. Riddle